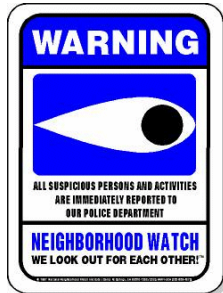




COMMUNITY NEWS

District 2

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Neighborhood Watch and You

Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850), known as the Founder of Modern Policing, established The Metropolitan Police Act of 1829. The Metropolitan Police Act contained "Peel's Nine Principles" of policing. One of which we can attribute to the concept of Neighborhood Watch. The principle states the following: "Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

I believe the "duties" of the public mentioned by Sir Robert Peel encompass the development of a partnership between the citizens and the police by creating a cohesive body of neighbors, addressing issues that concern the entire neighborhood and empowerment of citizens to reduce crime in their neighborhoods through education and team work.

Unfortunately, police officers cannot be at any given location at any given time. Therefore, we depend on you, the public, to be the police department's additional set of eyes and ears to report crime and suspicious activity in our city. An excellent program exists for the public to become a partner in crime prevention, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Since 1972, when the National Sheriffs Association implemented the program, Neighborhood Watch has meant neighbors looking out for each other, working on neighborhood problems, and making themselves safer. Members learn how to work with law enforcement and organize events such as block parties, cleanups, and social



From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

GAIN is an acronym for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. Scottsdale has participated in the event since it began in 1998. The Scottsdale Police Department, in conjunction with other state and local police agencies, coordinates this event that is more 'weather friendly' than the traditional yearly National Night Out event, which is held in August nationwide. Although neighborhoods may elect to participate in the National Night Out event, Scottsdale commits its resources to the annual GAIN event.

This year's GAIN Night is planned for Saturday, October 14th with its kick off on Thursday, September 7th. For more information or to register, please contact the G.A.I.N. 2006 Coordinator, Carrie Abts at: (480)312-2342 or cabts@scottsdaleaz.gov

All Neighborhood Watch groups, HOA's, apartment communities, and residents interested in taking a stand against crime are encouraged to participate in the annual GAIN event.

GAIN functions are encouraged at the neighborhood level. Residents should organize activities for both adults and youth within their neighborhood. These activities can be both educational and fun. They can include a block party, pool party, parade and potlucks/barbeques. Numerous law enforcement officers from Scottsdale will be visiting many parties throughout the city to show support and thank the citizens for their crime prevention efforts throughout the year. Have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Commander Burl Haenel
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Neighborhood Watch (continued)

events. The program provides information on crime trends and patterns in your neighborhood, enabling members of your community to identify and reduce criminal activity. Through communication, education, and partnerships citizens will instill a greater sense of community.

BENEFITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Throughout the country, neighborhoods with active Neighborhood Watch groups report fewer incidents of burglary and theft. Neighbors are trained in home security, crime reporting, property marking, and other program tools. Neighborhood Watch enhances communication with neighbors by creating phone trees, fliers, newsletters, and e-mail lists.

Neighborhood Watch is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and find people who share your interests. Knowing your neighbors also makes it easier to recognize strangers who may not have legitimate business in the area.

People like you are what make a Neighborhood Watch program successful. Your neighbor needs your help and you need your neighbor's help. The small steps you take now will pay big dividends in the future. Building a spirit of community helps keep all of you safer and more secure. That's what the Neighborhood Watch program is all about.

If you would like more information on Neighborhood Watch please contact Carrie Abts at cabts@scottsdaleaz.gov or (480)-312-2342.

If you have additional questions concerning crime prevention, please contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov or (480) 312-5696.

School Resource Officers in District 2

The Scottsdale Police Department has police officers assigned to all the public high schools and middle schools in the City of Scottsdale. Please feel free to contact the School Resource Officers with any school related law enforcement questions/concerns or school related traffic issues at their respective schools. The District 2 "SRO's" may be contacted at the following numbers:

- Mohave Middle School @ 5520 N. 86th St.
Det. Reggie Johnson – 480-484-5212
- Saguaro High School @ 6250 N. 82nd St.
Det. Brian Zeller – 480-484-7112
- Chaparral High School @ 6936 E. Gold Dust
Det. Steve Boltz – 480-484-6512
- Cocopah Middle School @ 6651 E Cholla
Det. Wayne Crenshaw – 480-484-4413

Back to School Traffic Safety

Summer is winding down and thousands of children are back in school. Parents, students, teachers, and residents will be traveling through school zones. Remember city streets that were posted 35 or 45 mph will be posted at 15 mph in school zones. There is no passing in school zones. A motorist approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed greater than 15 mph between the portable signs indicating "school in session" and "stop when children are in the crosswalk." Once you pass the crosswalk, you may proceed at the roadway's posted speed limit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



G.A.I.N Kick-Off Event

Thursday, September 7th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Party planners receive the necessary tools to plan a successful G.A.I.N. neighborhood block party.

G.A.I.N Night

Saturday, October 14th, 2006 between 4:00pm-8:00pm
(In Your Neighborhood)

GAIN Night is an annual event designed to unite neighbors with neighborhoods and help create a safer community. Neighborhood leaders host GAIN parties every year in Scottsdale to better enhance the safety of their communities.

For more information or to register, please contact
Carrie Abts at:

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The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.